



2026 Philippine Junior Amateur Open Golf Championship (Stroke Play)

Valley Golf & Country Club - North Course

June 2-5, 2026

(Tuesday to Friday)



Organized and conducted by the National Golf Association of the Philippines (NGAP)

TERMS OF COMPETITION

GENERAL

The **2026 Philippine Junior Amateur Open Golf Championship (Stroke Play)** will be played at **Valley Golf & Country Club** from **June 2-5, 2026** in accordance with the **Rules of Golf** (effective January 2026) as approved by the R&A Rules Limited and with the Local Rules approved by the Organizing Committee.

ELIGIBILITY

The Championship is open to all **Boys** and **Girls** who satisfy the following requirements:

- I. Must conform in accordance with the Rules of Amateur Status as approved by the R&A Rules Limited.
- II. Must possess a valid handicap index issued by a bonafide Golf Federation/Association within the stipulated range as of **May 1, 2026** for the respective genders as follows:
 - *. WHS handicap index of **12.0** or lower for male.
 - *. WHS handicap index of **15.0** or lower for female.

A. Youth Division	Ages 11 - 14 years old (as of June 2, 2026)
B. Championship Division	Ages 15- 18 years old (as of June 2, 2026)
C. Special Division	Ages 19 - 25 years old (as of June 2, 2026)

QUALIFIERS

Players who are **BELOW** eighteen (18) years of age as of 17 June 2026 shall be eligible to qualify for the APGC Junior Championship 2026, which will be held from 17–19 June 2026 at the Royal Colombo Golf Club in Sri Lanka.

Two (2) qualification slots for the APGC Junior Championship 2026 will be available through this tournament:

- One (1) slot shall be awarded to the Champion of the Boys Championship Division, provided that the champion meets the age eligibility requirement.
- One (1) slot shall be awarded to the Champion of the Girls Championship Division, provided that the champion meets the age eligibility requirement.

Should the Champion of either Championship Division not meet the age eligibility requirement, the Organizing Committee shall award the slot to the next highest-ranked eligible player in the respective division.

Players below fifteen (15) years of age may opt to compete in the Championship Division in an attempt to qualify for the available slots.

SCHEDULE of PLAY

June 1, 2026 (Monday)	- Official Practice Round
June 2, 2026 (Tuesday)	- First Round (Championship and Special Division)
June 3, 2026 (Wednesday)	- Second Round (Championship and Special Division)
June 4, 2026 (Thursday)	- Third Round (Youth, Championship and Special Division)
June 5, 2026 (Friday)	- Final Round (Youth, Championship and Special Division)

FORMAT OF PLAY

A. Youth Divisions [ages 11-14]- June 4-5 (Thu-Fri) - 2 days

- The Youth Division (Boys & Girls) shall be a gross stroke play competition over **36 holes**.
Boys - White tee
Girls - Red tee
- Boys and girls who score **100** in any tournament round will be cut from the remaining round/s.

B. Championship Division [ages 15-18] – June 2-5 (Tue-Fri) - 4 days

- The Championship Division (Boys & Girls) shall be a gross stroke play competition over **72 holes**.
Boys - Blue tee
Girls - White tee

- There shall be a cut-off after **36 holes, Top 36** and ties for Boys, **Top 18** and ties for Girls.
- There shall be a cut-off after **54 holes, Top 18** and ties for Boys, **Top 9** and ties for Girls.
- Boys and Girls who score **100** in any tournament round will be cut from the remaining round/s.

C. Special Division [ages 19-25] – June 2-5 (Tue-Fri) - 4 days

- The Special Division (Boys & Girls) shall be a gross stroke play competition over **72 holes**.
Boys - Blue tee
Girls - White tee
- There shall be a cut-off after **36 holes, Top 21** and ties for Boys, **Top 12** and ties for Girls.
- Boys and Girls who score **100** in any tournament round will be cut from the remaining round/s.

Note: *Players disqualified on the first day (or any other consecutive day) shall not be permitted to play in the remaining rounds.*

SIZE of the FIELD

- A. The field will be limited to a maximum of **80 BOYS and 40 GIRLS**.
- B. In the event that the entries fall short or exceed of the aforesaid respective numbers, the Committee reserves the right to amend the eligibility requirements as they deem fit. In general, entries will be based on the entrants with the Lowest Handicap Index.

ENTRY

A. **Entry fees:**

Category	Championship and Special Division	Youth Division
Filipino Citizens	Php 5,500	Php 4,000
Foreign Citizens	Php 7,000	Php 5,500

- B. **Payment Instructions:** Once your slot in the tournament has been confirmed via email, please pay the entry fee via online bank transfer to NGAP Bank Account.
- C. **Entry Deadline:** Entries must be received with payment on or before **May 27, 2026 (Wednesday) – 5:00pm**
- D. **Entry Policy:** The Organizing Committee reserves the right to limit, accept, or reject any entry without assigning any reason. Late entries may be accepted at the discretion of the Committee.
- E. **Withdrawal Policy:** Withdrawals or cancellations must be made before **May 29, 2026 (Friday) – 5:00pm**
- F. No refunds will be issued after this date.
- G. **Registration Link:** <https://>

PRACTICE ROUND

- A. Each player is entitled to one (1) free practice round on **June 1, 2026 - Monday, until 12:00 noon**, provided they have registered and paid the entry fee.
- B. For tee time reservation, please contact Valley Golf front desk at **+63 9564405294**.

WINNERS and PRIZES

The Philippine Junior Amateur Stroke Play Champion shall be the Boy and Girl who wins the Championship Division under their category.

Trophies will be awarded to the following in each division:

- Youth Division (Boys & Girls)** - Champion, Runner-up and 2nd Runner-up
- Championship Division (Boys & Girls)** - Champion, Runner-up and 2nd Runner-up
- Special Division (Boys & Girls)** - Champion, Runner-up and 2nd Runner-up

DRAW/PAIRINGS

- A. The Draw/Pairings for the First and Second Rounds will be made by the Organizing Committee before the start of the Championship.
- B. The Draw/Pairings for the Third and Final rounds will be based on scores of the previous Rounds.

TIME OF STARTING

- A. Players shall start at the time and order indicated in the DRAW. No substitution of players and changes of starting time shall be allowed after the DRAW has been made.
- B. The ORGANIZING COMMITTEE reserves the right to change and alter the starting times without giving any reason.

SUBMISSION of SCORECARD

- A. Players must check their cards in the Scoring Office and ensure that their scores are correct and be signed by their markers. **Any doubtful point should be settled with the Organizing Committee before returning the Scorecard.**
- B. The scorecard is deemed officially submitted once the player has left the scoring room (area).

DECISION OF TIES

- A. In the event of a tie or ties for First place, the Champion shall be decided by a hole-by-hole play-off starting from Hole #1 until a winner is determined. Play-offs will be used only to determine the Champion.
- B. All other ties will be decided using the countback method in the following order:
 - o Last 18 holes (holes 1 -18)
 - o Last 9 holes (holes 10 - 18)
 - o Last 6 holes (holes 13 -18)
 - o Last 3 holes (holes 16 - 18)
 - o Last hole (hole 18)

SUSPENSION OF PLAY FOR DANGEROUS SITUATION.

- A. A suspension of play for a dangerous situation and the resumption of play shall be signaled using the host club's warning system.
- B. All open practice areas shall be closed during suspension for a dangerous situation until the Organizing Committee has declared them open. Players who do not heed will be subject to disqualification.

USE OF DISTANCE MEASURING DEVICE

- a. For this Championship, a player may obtain distance information by use of a distance measuring device. If during a stipulated round, a player uses a distance- measuring device to gauge or measure other conditions that might affect his play (e.g., elevation changes, wind speed, etc.).

Penalty for Breach of Rule – 4.3:

1. **Penalty for first breach:** *General Penalty*. If the breach happens between two holes, the penalty applies to the next hole.
 2. **Penalty for second breach:** *Disqualification*. This penalty applies even if the nature of the breach was entirely different than the breach resulting in the first penalty. This penalty only applies if there has been an intervening event after the first breach (see Rule 1.3c(4)).
- b. The use of rangefinders with wind and slope corrections are not permitted.

USE OF CADDIE

The club has sufficient caddies and players must use the club's caddies, however, personal caddies may be used, provided they are not PROFESSIONALS and the player must pay the corresponding caddy fee to the Club for the caddy on deck. **Caddy Fee:** ₱700.00 minimum

USE OF GOLF CART

Golf Carts are not allowed in any divisions.

INSURANCE & MISCELLANEOUS FEES

All players are required to pay the golf insurance and miscellaneous fees as mandated by the Golf Club.

PACE OF PLAY

- A. Each hole has been given a maximum completion time based upon the length and difficulty of the Hole. The maximum allotted time for completion of 18 holes will be available prior to the round.
- B. The maximum allowed time allocated per shot is 40 seconds. The timing will start when the player has had sufficient time to reach his ball, it is his turn to play and he is able to play without interference or distraction.
- C. Penalty for Breach of Condition
 - 1 bad time. Player will be warned by the referee and told that further bad will be subject to penalty
 - 2 bad time. Penalty of one (1) Stroke
 - 3 bad time. Further penalty of two (2) strokes
 - 4 bad time. Disqualification

TOURNAMENT RULES OFFICIALS/REFEREES

The Tournament Rules Officials/Referees' decision on all matters pertaining to the Rules of Golf is final.

COMPETITION CLOSED

When the prizes are presented to the winners, the results of the competition are deemed officially announced and the competition is closed.

STANDARDS OF PLAYER CONDUCT (Rule 1-2)

All players ARE EXPECTED TO PLAY IN THE SPIRIT OF THE GAME. There is no penalty under the Rules for failing to act accordingly, except that the Organizing Committee may disqualify a player for acting contrary to the spirit of the if it is established that the player has committed serious misconduct.

The following may be considered as serious breach of PLAYER CONDUCT

- o Verbal abuse to a fellow competitor/official/staff.
- o Intentionally distracting or offending fellow competitors.
- o Causing unnecessary damage to the course or club property.
- o Any other action which may be considered to be breach of player conduct.

ANY BREACH of Player Conduct is subject to disqualification penalty.



SPECTATORS/COACHES

- A. Spectators and coaches are allowed to gallery.

- B. Carts will be on a first come first serve basis, and subject to availability of carts.
- C. All spectators must remain on the cart path at all times. They must stay off the tees, general areas, putting greens, bunkers and penalty areas. They are allowed to use golf carts if course permits.
- D. They should maintain a reasonable distance from the players to avoid the impression that they are giving advice or assisting the player in any way. They may approach the player for a moment to give clothing, food or beverage but should not have prolonged contact.
- E. Those found to be violating these policies may be asked to leave the COURSE.

INQUIRIES & REGISTRATION

For inquiries and registration, please feel free to contact the following:

-  Cathy (NGAP): +63 995 224 7015 (Mobile/Viber)
-  Jocelyn (NGAP): +63 995 021 2877 (Mobile/Viber)

THE ORGANIZING COMMITTEE RESERVES THE RIGHT TO AMEND ANY OF THE CONDITIONS.